

Teachers go to work every day to educate, inspire and help children of all backgrounds to achieve their dreams and become successful. Among the eighty thousand educators in New York City is Dr. Althea Bradshaw-Tyson, principal of The Young Women's Leadership School (TYWLS) in my Northern Manhattan congressional district.

I had the privilege of visiting The Young Women's Leadership School (TYWLS) of East Harlem and seeing firsthand the extraordinary impact Dr. Bradshaw-Tyson and the teachers have had on their students. Under their guidance, TYWLS of East Harlem has made history and headlines by providing low-income students of color an outstanding college-prep education and by offering a personalized, dynamic, hands-on learning environment where girls thrive academically. Nearly every student of TYWLS graduates on time and attends four-year colleges.

At a time when our education system needs stronger support, our teachers are faced with innumerable obstacles. They are being blamed for the deficit, their rights taken away and wages slashed. Even worse, their livelihoods are being threatened by mass layoffs in school systems across America. Yet class sizes keep increasing as school budgets keep being cut.

We cannot hope to win the future without an educated and inspired workforce. Throughout this National Teacher Appreciation Week as we honor their invaluable service and efforts, let us remember the life-changing impact of outstanding educators such as Dr. Bradshaw-Tyson, and continue to support our nation's teachers.

DEDICATION OF STATUE OF PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of an extraordinary man, dedicated public servant and proud Michigander: President Gerald Ford.

For 25 years, President Ford served as a Representative from Michigan. As Minority Leader he was respected on both sides of the aisle as a strong and capable leader. As he famously said "I have had a lot of adversaries in my political life, but no enemies that I can remember."

He ascended to the Presidency during a difficult chapter in our nation's history. Through his dedicated leadership, he helped guide the country out of the turmoil caused by Watergate and in the process he distinguished himself as truly one of the most honorable Presidents we have ever had.

I have served under seven Presidents in my 34 years in Congress, but President Ford was the first. His State of the Union Address was the first I had the privilege to attend on the floor of the House of Representatives and it is an experience I will never forget.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor this great American patriot and proud Michigander.

LAWRENCE SALAZAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lawrence Salazar for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Lawrence Salazar is a 9th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lawrence Salazar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lawrence Salazar for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Polish Constitution Day and to commemorate the signing of Europe's first codified constitution on May 3, 1791.

Three years after the adoption of our own constitution, Poland became the second nation in the world to codify a constitution. Under the leadership of King Stanislaw August, Poland approved a constitution that contained many of the groundbreaking democratic principles also embraced by America's founding fathers. Among those was the separation of legislative, executive, and judicial powers. The constitution also placed peasants under the protection of the government and established the concept of political equality.

Since the adoption of the 1791 Constitution, Poland has withstood countless hardships to emerge as a strong U.S. friend and ally. Here in the United States, Polish-Americans have made critical contributions to the development of our nation. This weekend, the city of Chicago's vibrant Polish community, the largest outside of Warsaw, will hold its 120th annual parade in honor of this historic document.

I join with people in the United States, Poland, and around the world in commemorating the anniversary of this historic document, celebrating Polish history, and recognizing the important contributions that the Polish people have made to the development of democracy.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MPS
AWARENESS DAY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the National MPS Society for their 36 years of supporting families while searching for cures. Mucopolysaccharidosis or MPS is a group of genetically determined lysosomal storage diseases that render the human body incapable of producing certain enzymes needed to break down complex carbohydrates. The damage caused by MPS on a cellular level adversely affects the body and damages the heart, respiratory system, bones, internal organs, and central nervous system. MPS often results in intellectual disabilities, short stature, corneal damage, joint stiffness, loss of mobility, speech and hearing impairment, heart disease, hyperactivity, chronic respiratory problems, and, most importantly, a drastically shortened life span.

Symptoms of MPS are usually not apparent at birth and without treatment; the life expectancy of an individual affected begins to decrease at a very early stage in their life. Research has resulted in the development of limited treatments for some of the MPS diseases.

I urge my colleagues and their staff to join me in recognizing May 15, 2011 as National MPS Awareness Day. This is an important time during which the MPS disease community will help increase the awareness of this devastating disease, as well as supporting research to improve treatments, find cures and receive early diagnosis. The MPS families are encouraged to reflect and support each other and to reach out to those families who have lost loved ones to MPS. By wearing their purple ribbons and sharing these ribbons within their community, they are increasing public awareness about this disease. This date is also the start of the national MPS Run/Walk season along with other local community activities to raise awareness along with money for research and for family assistance programs.

I commend the National MPS Society for their unwavering commitment to bring about awareness of this disease and to continue to advocate for federal legislation to streamline the regulatory processes and to speed effective treatments and cures for their loved ones while advocating for funding of respite and enhancing special education. More must be done to find cures and effective treatments.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLIE
GETZ

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Charlie Getz, a nearly four-decade veteran of the California Attorney General's office, on the occasion of his retirement. Charlie has served the people of the Bay Area and the entire state of California with great distinction.

I got to know Charlie when I first ran for Congress in 1979 and I've considered him a